Surface Transportation Discretionary Program (STP-D)

Statutory Authority: § 85.243 Admin. Rule: N/A

Program objective:

To encourage projects that foster alternatives to single-occupancy vehicles (SOV) trips, such as facilities for pedestrian and bicycles, purchase of replacement vehicles for transit systems, and other transportation demand management (TDM) projects.

Program eligibility:

Local government with taxing authority and a population of 5,000 or more are eligible for funding. Projects must meet federal and state requirements. Local governments with taxing authority, state agencies and Indian tribes are eligible for funding. Projects costing \$100,000 or more that involve construction are eligible for funding, as are non-construction projects costing \$25,000 or more. Additionally, the project must be usable when it is completed and not staged so that additional money is needed to make it a useful project. A project sponsor must pay for a project and then seek reimbursement for the project from the state. Federal funds will provide up to 80% of project costs, while the sponsor must provide at least the other 20%.

Annual Federal Amount Appropriated: \$2,720,000

Application cycle:

Projects are solicited in even numbered years with applications available in January and due in April. Two years of funding is made available to projects for the three fiscal years following the calendar year in which projects are selected. For example, in 2002 projects were developed for FY 2003-2005 funding. Funding for the STP-D program is on a competitive basis.

<u>Note</u>: Because of the similarities between the Local TE and STP-D program (see Local TE program) objectives and eligibility criteria, applications and funding awards for both programs are done concurrently.